

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum July 2010

1. **Planning/Development Issues:**

Fort Granite, Coast Road: We have appealed and are still awaiting ABP decision.

Somerton, The Mall: We have successfully objected to retention of advertising sign for day spa. We have advised Planning Department that the sign remains in place.

Casino: An Endangerment Notice under Section 59 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010 has been served by FCC on Gannon Homes Ltd requiring certain works to be carried out to the Casino. These works must be completed by 7 October 2010.

2. **Transport Issues:** The sequence of the traffic lights at McAllister's has been altered following our suggestion. FCC advises that changes were only made to the a.m. peak. For the time being based on the traffic flow in the p.m. peak they have decided not to change the setting. The changes have improved the a.m. flow out of Malahide. It will be September, when the schools are open, before they can realistically see how the changes are affecting traffic or what other changes can be made.

There is no further news on the shuttle bus as we have not yet heard re the licence or lottery grant.

Work on the viaduct is proceeding. All the sea side work on the weir is completed but there is still work to be done on the Western side before the pedestrian bridge can be started.

3. **Environment Issues:**

Tidy Towns: From 22 to 25 July there will be a Malahide Has It series of events organised by the Chamber, including a quiz in the Grand Hotel at 8pm on Thursday 22nd. Surplus funds will be donated to the Tidy Towns.

The Forum will forward a submission on the Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy by 27 August and also on the Draft Fingal Biodiversity Action Plan 2010-2015 due by 3 September, see <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/CommunityRecreationandAmenitiesDepartment/Parks/PublicDisplays/>

It was agreed that RAs who would like to see amendments to the mowing schedules for their area should contact FCC directly. Information can be viewed at

<http://www.fingalcoco.ie/CommunityRecreationandAmenitiesDepartment/Parks/FingalGrowingPlaces/> and in point 9 it states "We welcome hearing from Residents Associations and will arrange to meet representatives on site to look at grass maintenance in the overall context of the quality and amenity value of open space(s) in an area. Please contact us, preferably by email, at growingplaces@fingalcoco.ie or by writing to Growing Places, Parks Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co Dublin."

Malahide Against the Head Shop is now stopping its campaign following the enactment of the Criminal Law (Psychoactive Substances) Bill 2010 and thanks everyone who was involved.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Break-ins are still occurring and residents must continue to be vigilant.

5. **Assisted Living:** The working group has written to FOLD asking if it would be agreeable to work with us in facilitating delivery of an assisted living facility in Malahide. A further meeting will be scheduled when a reply is received.

6. **Non-sporting Facilities for Youth:** Several volunteers have come forward to help with a youth café and we are hopeful that a venue has been identified for one night per week.